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FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND ASST. SECY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR CASTRO

E.O. 11652 XGDS-1
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SUBJECT REQUEST BY VIDELA TO CONFER WITH V.P. MONDALE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6788

1. AT MY REQUEST LT. COL. RAMIREZ CAME TO MY OFFICE FOR FOLLOW-UP ON POSSIBLE VIDELA-MONDALE MEETING. HE ARRIVED AT 1830 HRS. AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED ME THERE HAD BEEN A CHANGE OF SCHEDULE FOR VIDELA'S DEPARTURE. HE SAID VIDELA WOULD NOW DEPART TOMORROW (FRIDAY - SEPT 1) AT ABOUT 1800 HOURS. THIS ENLARGES HIS EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REPLY FROM MONDALE.

2. I INFORMED VIDELA'S EMISSARY IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH VICE PRESIDENT ON THIS SHORT NOTICE. HE APOLOGIZED FOR THE SHORT NOTICE BUT SAID VIDELA FELT THAT BY DELAYING HIS DEPARTURE HE HOPES TO HAVE GIVEN US MORE TIME TO DECIDE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, IT IS IMPERATIVE SOME TYPE OF ANSWER BE GIVEN VIDELA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. A NEGATIVE ANSWER WOULD BE ANOTHER BOMBSHELL IN OUR RELATIONS AND INABILITY TO MEET WOULD BE MISINTERPRETED. GOA WOULD VIEW THIS

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AS ANOTHER AFFRONT TO THEIR DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY. OUR SECRETARY'S INABILITY TO MEET WITH FONMIN MONTES A FEW WEEKS AGO IN WASHDC IS STILL IN ALL OF GOA'S MIND.

4. SUGGESTION MADE BY ASST. SECT. VAKY TO ME IN TELCON HAS A LOT OF MERIT. IF VAKY COULD TRAVEL WITH V.P. MONDALE, THEN MEETING BETWEEN V.P. AND VIDELA COULD BE

SHORT AND SWEET, BUT VAKY COULD REMAIN AND ATTEMPT TO
PUT PIECES TOGETHER WITH VIDELA.

5. COMMENT: IT IS URGENT VIDELA HAVE AN ASWER BEFORE
DEPARTURE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND V.P. MONDALE SEE VIDELA
IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES. ALSO EMISSARY TOLD ME COL.
CERDA HAS STANDING ORDERS TO AWAIT MY ARRIVAL IN WASHDC
SO HE CAN MEET WITH KEY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. COL. CERDA
IS A FULL CONFIDANT OF VIDELA AND VIOLA.
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